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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: DETACHING/ATTACHING MECHANISM  
AND IMAGE FORMING DEVICE

Examiner: R. M. Gleitz

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a statement on the substance of the personal interview held on April 12, 2006.

Applicant presented arguments regarding the “notch” (claim 13) with respect to the opening of the rail member in Sameshima. Although agreement was not reached on this element, the Examiner agreed that a claim limitation directed to the notches and positioning hole (202a, 202b, and 202c) would distinguish from the Sameshima reference. Arguments were presented regarding the “position regulating means” (claim 1) and “positioning means” (claim 7), but no agreement was reached.

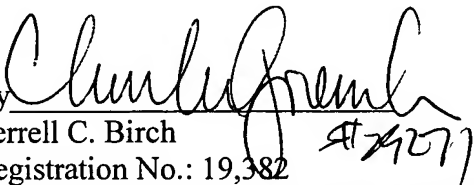
Applicant presented further arguments regarding the blocking member (claim 14), but no agreement was reached on this matter.

Applicant presented arguments regarding the rotatable nature of the transfer member (claim 13) in Sameshima. This argument was not found persuasive based on figure 4 in Sameshima.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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